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**Subject:** FW: 1 of 2: Screenshot of the post: Sec Zinke and Cassandra Begay (without comments)  
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Hi Laura ?

This is moving around Indian Country social media faster than the Moccasin Telegraph!? There is a video, the link below, ? of the incident with Secretary Zinke pointing his finger at the woman who is an activist from PANDOS, not a reporter.? My office has received a few calls from people seeing the posts and complaining about the Secretary scaring the reporter (not) and commenting how they thought it was unprofessional and too aggressive for him to wave his finger at the young Native woman.?

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Most of the calls are women and are angry but calm down after we talk.? ?I'll keep you posted.? This is the movement of the what the Water Protesters are calling for regarding the new Standing Rock = Bears Ears.? Thanks.

Nedra

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Post link: <https://www.facebook.com/dallasgoldtooth/posts/10106687342708413>





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Begay recorded the brief confrontation with her camera.

In response Begay states, "I was scared, and my heart was racing. It felt condescending and unnecessarily aggressive. I have no idea why asking a simple question to somebody who is on a listening tour would react so aggressively." **#ProtectBearsEars**  
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